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## SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE



### Learning and Gathering Opportunities for This Week

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*Monday, August 24, 2020 at 7:00 pm Eastern / 6:00 pm Central*

#### Re-Opening of Churches

As situations regarding COVID-19 keep changing, moderators and church leaders are invited to join in the continued conversation about when and how church buildings re-open and in-person worship resumes. Everyone is welcome to join the conversation. Join us via Zoom. [Register online here.](#)

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#### For Clergy

- **An Hour of Conversations and Prayer**

Tuesday, August 25 - 11:00 a.m. Eastern (10:00 a.m. Central)

Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/479440102>

- **Especially for Specialized Ministers**

Tuesday, August 25 - 9:30 a.m. Eastern (8:30 a.m. Central)

Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/354744689>

- **Live Harp Meditations for Ministers**

Thursday, August 27 - 1:00 p.m. Eastern (12:00 Central)

20 minutes of meditation with Celtic harp. Silent prayer and reflection following if desired, facilitated by Rev. Jean Norton. (For questions or to sign up for individual Therapeutic Harp Sessions, contact Jean at [HeartSongJean@gmail.com](mailto:HeartSongJean@gmail.com).) Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/96976838422>

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## From the Wider UCC Church

*August 25, 2020 at 3:30pm - 5:30pm EST*

### **Tuesdays for Nurture: Supporting Your Pastor so They Can Support You**

Pastoral Relations Committees are a key way for a congregation to support a healthy relationship between pastor and congregants in order to strengthen the effectiveness of the church's ministry. These confidential, supportive, caring and honest groups promote healthy communication and express care for pastors in all seasons of shared ministry. Join a conversation with pastors and church leaders to explore how these communities of trust can help enhance your church's ministry in a pandemic and beyond. [REGISTER](#)

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*August 27, 2020 at 3:30pm - 4:30pm EST*

### **Thursdays for the Soul: Sacred Boundaries**

Boundaries. Life-saving, life-honoring, life-giving boundaries. As we live into boundaries with ourselves, with one another, and within ministry, we do so with an intentional wrestling with the question "on whose behalf?" Jesus modeled crossing societal boundaries for the sake of love and justice. For the sake of the other. Let's talk about how we discern the difference between crossing boundaries and boundary violation, how to navigate where our boundaries intersect with others, and how faith permeates our tending to healthy boundaries. Join the conversation with Eleta Wright MSW, Rev Tara Barber MESA Minister for Ministerial Support and Accountability, and Rev Jack Davidson, pastor at the Spiung Glen Church, UCC, in Hamden, CT. Moderated by the Rev Dr Chris Davies, Team Lead for Faith INFO. [REGISTER](#)

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*Sunday, August 30, 2020 at 2:00 pm Eastern / 1:00 pm Central*

### **Ordination of Ellen Green**

You are invited to participate in the Service of Ordination for Ellen Green on

Sunday, August 30 at 2:00 pm Eastern (1:00 pm Central). The service will be entirely on Zoom so everyone can participate safely. Ellen's journey to ministry was supported by Pilgrimage UCC in Marietta. She has been called as Associate Pastor at Lynnhurst UCC in Minneapolis, MN, where she previously served as Director of Faith Formation.

Ellen is collecting paper handprints for a symbolic laying on of hands. These will be strung together and hung across the chancel on the day of her ordination (and later she will get to display them in her office). You are invited to also participate by downloading the PDF found here and submitting your handprint for the laying on of hands.

To RSVP, please contact [church.office@lynnhurstucc.org](mailto:church.office@lynnhurstucc.org) for the Zoom meeting link. We hope you will be able to join us.

[Download Paper Handout PDF](#)

**Reminder: Southeast Conference Annual Meeting Registration  
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